

CULTURAL CALENDAR 2005-2006



JANUARY

- ❖ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March- Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, January 17, 2006, 8:30 a.m.
 - Hosted by the Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce. **Contact 602.307.5200**
- ❖ Chandler Multicultural Festival-Downtown Chandler Library Courtyard, January 14, 2006
 - Food, music, dance, displays, storytellers and more at the Chandler Public Library. **Chandler Special Events Hotline 480.782.2735**
- ❖ MLK Parade and Festival – Mesa Amphitheatre, January 12-16, 2006, 11:00-5:00 p.m.
 - The parade will include floats, marching groups, school organizations and participants of all ages. The festival begins immediately after the parade at the Mesa Amphitheatre, and includes food, carnival rides and entertainment. **www.cityofmesa.org**
- ❖ Native American Arts Festival-Litchfield Park, January 7-8, 2006
 - Litchfield Park, west of Phoenix, hosts dancers, musicians, story tellers and children's activities. West Valley Fine Arts Council. **Contact 623.935.6384**

FEBRUARY

- ❖ East Valley Unity Walk and Diversity Festival-Tempe Beach Park, February 5, 2006, 12:00-6:00 p.m.
 - The East Valley will honor civil rights history and ideals by joining together in a short walk that begins at different locations and culminates at the Tempe Beach Park for a day of celebrating the unity of the East Valley Communities. **Contact andrea_groves@tempe.gov**

- ❖ Chinese Week- Chinese Cultural Center, February 11-13, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Chinese foods, arts and crafts, dragon dance and martial arts at the Chinese Cultural Center in Phoenix. **Contact 623.937.5196**
- ❖ Matsuri Festival- Heritage Square Park, February 25-26, 2006, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 - Lectures, dance, culture, food and art of Japan are celebrated at this festival in downtown Phoenix. **Contact 602.262.5029**
- ❖ Indian Artists of A.merica- Rawhide Pavilion, February 5-6, 2006, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 - Indian arts, crafts and fashion show. Live auction and authentic foods. **Contact 1.866.398.2226**
- ❖ Native Trails- Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Most Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 12:00-1:15 p.m.
 - A variety of Native American performers will present musical performances using traditional instruments. Native foods, arts, crafts and jewelry. **Contact 480.994.ARTS (2787)**
- ❖ Peace Fest- South Mountain Activity Center
 - In celebration of Black History Month. Live music, dance, art display and more.
- ❖ World Championship Hoop Dance Contest- Heard Museum, February 4-5, 2006, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - 16th Annual Competition. Native American dancers from the U.S. and Canada compete at The Heard Museum. **Contact 602.252.8848**

MARCH

- ❖ Arizona Aloha Festival-Heritage Square Park, March 18th19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Music, dance, song, and rhythms of Hawaii and Polynesia. Also enjoy island foods and shop for crafts and products. **Contact 480.967.7366**
- ❖ Arizona Dragon Boat Festival- Tempe Town Lake, March 21, 2006
 - Dragon Boat Races at Tempe Town Lake. Craft booths and entertainment. **Contact Deb.Nastro@azdba.com**
- ❖ Emerald Desert Tempe Irish Festival- Tempe Town Lake, March 11-13, 2006
 - Traditional Irish bands along with authentic Irish food vendors, Irish dancers and more. **Contact 623.412.2330**

- ❖ Heard Museum Guild Annual Indian Fair and Market- Heard Museum, March 4-5, 2006, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - More than 600 premier Native American artists, including potters, katsina doll carvers, basketweavers, jewelers, sculptors and painters, display a stunning selection of unique fine art for viewing and purchase.**Contact 602.252.8848**

APRIL

- ❖ Asian Festival – Heritage Square Park, April 21-23, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Fri.) ; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.)
 - A free festival featuring ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts, and entertainment such as martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances and music from nearly a dozen Asian countries. **Contact 602.262.5029**
- ❖ Arizona International Latina/o Arts Festival-Phoenix, April 1-3, 2006
 - A festival celebrating achievements of Latinas and Latinos in the arts, featuring events for artists, collectors, and the community.**Contact 480.965.3990**
- ❖ Cinco de Mayo Festival- Mesa, April 28-29, 2006, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. (Fri.) 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (Sat.)
 - Traditional mariachi groups, contemporary Latin dance music, ballet folklorico, children's activities, arts and crafts vendors, carnival rides and games, and Mexican food. There will also be a contest for Mesa's best salsa.
- ❖ El Dia de los Ninos- Margaret T. Hance Park, April 29, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 - Entertainment, food, arts and crafts, performances by Ballet Arizona, Native American spirit hoop dancers, a Polynesian dance review, mascots and sports favorites. Sponsored by the Latino Institute.
- ❖ Gilbert Global Village Festival- Gilbert, April 23, 2006
 - A community celebration of ethnic traditions from countries around the globe. Music, dance performances, visual arts, hands-on multi-cultural children's activities, crafts, food.
- ❖ Phoenix Gay Pride and Festival- Steele Indian School Park, April 2-3, 2006, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 - Parade, music, dancing, food, 5k fun run, 3k walk. **Contact 602.279.1771**
- ❖ Scandinavian Festival- Washington Adult Center, April 3, 2006, 12:00 -4:00 p.m.
 - Join Folks from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to celebrate Scandinavian customs, music, food and crafts. **Contact 602.262.6971**

MAY

- ❖ Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games- ASU Band Practice Field, May 4-6, 2006
 - 2,000 athletes compete in track and field, powerlifting, gymnastics, softball skills, tennis and other events at the ASU Band Practice Field.
Contact 602.230.1200
- ❖ Arizona Cinco de Mayo Festival- Peoria Sports Complex, May 5-7, 2006
 - City of Peoria will provide lots of family fun with a carnival, dancing horse show, local bands and dance groups, and, of course, lots of food.
Contact 623.878.9113
- ❖ Chandler Cinco de Mayo Festival- Downtown Chandler, May 6, 2006, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Music and dancing will be featured throughout the day, and there will be food and beverage vendors, City information booths and raffle prizes!
Contact 480.895.0440
- ❖ Globe Cinco de Mayo Fiesta- Globe, May 6, 2006, 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
 - There will be mariachi music, food, arts and crafts, and dance at this Cinco de Mayo party in historic downtown Globe. **Contact 928.425.9498**
- ❖ Scottsdale Cinco de Mayo Celebration- Paiute Park, May 7, 2006, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
 - This family fun-filled festival includes Mariachis, music from Mexico, the Scottsdale International Club dancers and food vendors.
- ❖ Cinco de Mayo on the Verde Canyon Railroad-Clarkdale, Arizona, May 5, 2006, 9:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
 - Enjoy mariachi music, decorations, and Mexican food, as the Verde Canyon Railroad celebrates Arizona's Mexican heritage with special Cinco de Mayo excursion trains. Reservations are required. There are two departures on that day. **Contact 623.374.3185**

JUNE

- ❖ Heard Museum Film Festival- Heard Museum, June 17-19, 2006
 - Features indigenous and American Indian films. Visitors can meet and participate in discussions with filmmakers and/or actors from several of the films. **Contact 602.252.8840**
- ❖ Valley of the Sun Juneteenth Celebration-South Mountain Community College, June 18, 2006, 5:30-10:00 p.m.
 - Celebration of the ending of the unique institution referred to as "Slavery" and the celebration of "Independence Day" for African Americans. Enjoy

story narratives, poetry, music, art, dance, vendors, food, fellowship and more!

- ❖ Flagstaff Juneteenth Celebration- Flagstaff, June 18, 2006, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
 - The day's events will consist of music, information and health booths, face painting, games, and some great food!
- ❖ Juneteenth Jazz splash Festival & Ethnic Arts Fair- Arcosanti, June 18-19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
 - The program includes national and international musicians performing Gospel, Jazz, Blues, Reggae, Classical, and Latin-Salsa music.

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AUGUST

- ❖ National Charreada Competition- Apache Gold Casino Pavilion, August 31-September 5, 2006
 - Mexican Cowboy Competition. **Contact 928.475.7800**

SEPTEMBER

- ❖ Fiesta Glendale- Murphy Park, September 16-17, 2006, 4:00-10:00 p.m.
 - A free event at Murphy Park. Traditional and contemporary Hispanic music, dance and entertainment. **Contact 623.930.2299**
- ❖ Fiesta Septiembre- Wickenburg, September 3, 2006, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 - At the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. Exhibits, food crafts, dance, mariachi bands, and more. **Contact 928.684.5479**
- ❖ Fiesta Patrias-Johnny Osuna Memorial Park
 - A celebration of Mexico's independence, heritage and culture. Mariachi, Folkloric dancers and traditional Mexican music are combined with food, kid's activities. **Contact 623. 878.9113**
- ❖ Mariachi Festival-Chandler Center for the Arts, September 10, 2006
 - Outstanding performances of mariachi music and folklorico dancing. Part of the Hispanic Heritage Month activities throughout the community. **Contact 480.782.2214**

OCTOBER

- ❖ Arizona Irish Festival-Irish Cultural Center, October 30, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- Irish music, dance, craft fair, music and dance workshops and a wee folks fair. **Contact Andrew@andrewmonaghan.com**

NOVEMBER

- ❖ French Week-Beaujolais Nouveau Festival- Phoenix, November 18, 2006
 - A series of cultural, business and educational events celebrating the growing economic and cultural ties between Phoenix and Grenoble, France. Includes an annual Beaujolais Nouveau Festival.
Contact 602.534.3751

DECEMBER

- ❖ Christmas and Kwanzaa Exhibition-Heritage Square, December 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - The Christmas and Kwanzaa Expo at Heritage & Science Park will feature holiday crafts, food and entertainment. **Contact 602.262.5029**
- ❖ Haitian American Social Event-Mesa, December 17, 2006
 - A dinner and celebration of the beauty of Haiti's rich culture, with an emphasis on its visual arts and its music. **Contact 480.358.9814**
- ❖ Indian Market- Pueblo Grande Museum, December 10-11, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - The Pueblo Grande Museum sponsors this event with hundreds of Native American artisans representing more than 50 tribes displaying and selling their arts and crafts. **Contact 602.495.0901**